

Amendments to the Specification

Replace the paragraph on page 5, line 26 with the following:

Fig. 5 is a perspective rear view of the rfid reading station of Fig. 2 4;

Replace the paragraph on page 9, line 29 with the following:

As shown in Fig. 5, a read antenna 50 is mounted on or within rear wall 44. Read antenna 50 has sufficient area to efficiently interact with the antennae 14 carried by the billing statements 10. With reference to Fig. 7, which is a block diagram of the major components of the recipient's reading station, antenna 50 is coupled to a transceiver 61, which is coupled to a microprocessor 63. Microprocessor 63 controls the operation of transceiver 61, display 45, and an optional link to the recipient's personal computer (not shown). Transceiver 61 provides the power and data interface between microprocessor 63 and antenna 50: when directed by microprocessor 63, transceiver 61 provides electrical energy to antenna 50, which converts this energy to electromagnetic energy emanating from antenna 50. This energy is intercepted by the chip antennae 14 to power up the rfid chips 15. Transceiver 61, when directed by microprocessor 63, interrogates the rfid chips 15 via antenna 50 and antennae 14 and extracts the billing statement information stored in each chip 15. This information is coupled to microprocessor 63, which processes the information into a form suitable to drive display 45 and provide the visible display information shown in Fig. 6. Thus, the recipient can view the information content of each billing statement placed into reading station 30: if only one such billing statement is placed in reading station 40, only one item will be displayed by display 45; if two or more billing statements are placed in reading station 40, a like number of items will be displayed by display 45.